

**WEEKLY REPORT**  
**Region 9**  
**Environmental Protection Agency**  
**Week of January 6, 2017**  
**Office of Regional Counsel**

**Highlight of Past Week**

**Significant Items for Next Week**

**Press Stories, Significant Policy, Regulatory, or Legal Actions (2-3 weeks out)**

**Trader Joe's CAA Consent Decree Reduce Ozone-Depleting and Greenhouse Gas Refrigerant Emissions**

On December 15, 2016, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California entered a consent decree to resolve claims against the Trader Joe's Company under the stratospheric ozone protection requirements of Section 608 of the Clean Air Act. Pursuant to the national settlement covering 453 stores, Trader Joe's must pay a civil penalty of \$500,000, and implement a refrigerant compliance management system to prevent future violations of ozone protection requirements, maintain a very low corporate-wide average leak rate, and ensure that covered refrigeration equipment in any new store or major remodel uses non-ozone-depleting refrigerant, with a relatively low global warming potential. These measures will reduce emissions of refrigerant, a greenhouse gas, by approximately 31,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent over three years, which equals the GHG emissions from over 6,500 passenger vehicles driven in one year. The injunctive relief, estimated to cost \$2 million, also employs Next Generation Compliance tools such as a requirement for Trader Joe's to withhold payment to repair vendors until they upload repair data into a refrigerant tracking software system. Contact: Brian Riedel, ORC, 415-972-3924.

**Grant Announcements**

**Legislative Engagement**


**Travel, Training, Public/National Meetings, and Speaking Engagements**

**30-60 Day Outlook**

**Other Information**

**Regional Counsel Travel:**

Internal Personnel (b) (2)

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**Internal to Region 9**

**Confidential Information**